

## THE LETS TALK CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEDIATORS

The following Code of Conduct for Mediators was developed by the Let's Talk group in Sydney,

The Lets Talk group was established in March, 1998 to discuss issues in relation to ADR Practice. The idea for the group originated from of ADRA's Peak Body Project facilitation meetings. Lets Talk is a non-commercial and non-proprietary network that provides an opportunity to representatives from ADR Organisations to discuss areas of common interest and develop initiatives that may benefit the fast growing ADR community.

The outcome of the early meetings was the identification of the desirability of a nationally accepted Code of Conduct for Mediators. The Draft Code of Conduct was completed and circulated for comment to a number of organisations including NADRAC. Responses from these organisations have been incorporated into the document.

The Code of Conduct was circulated and presented at the 5th National Mediation Conference in Brisbane and was forwarded to NADRAC as a response to their discussion paper on Standards. Reference is made to the Code in NADRAC's recent publication "A Framework for Standards for Mediators". A majority of organisations have decided to endorse the document and discussions are currently under way as to how to best implement the Code.

Lets Talk would welcome any comments from you. Please contact me for further information.

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